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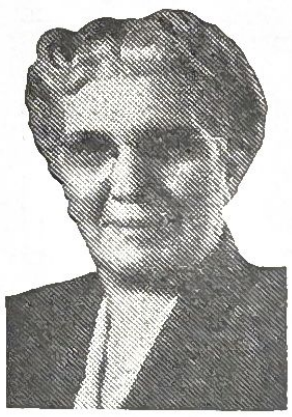

LETTER FROM LEANNA

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My Dear Friends:

When the first of September comes don't you always wonder how the summer months could pass so quickly? The days are noticeably shorter now and our front porch is a more pleasant place to spend the evenings.

Our house faces the south and no homes have been built directly between us and the country, so we have all the benefit of the cool breezes. Frank Field's new home can be seen from here when the leaves are off the trees.

This past summer has been a very trying one in some ways, and a very happy one in others. We felt badly to see the oats and wheat fields ruined from lack of rain, and later on the cornfields that had looked so promising were badly damaged, but we must remember the many years when there were good crops. We all have much for which to be thankful.

This year we have enjoyed a very colorful display of caladiums around our house. In fact, they've been just as attractive as flowers with their leaves of green, rose, red and white in a variety of color combinations. For several weeks now I've had arrangements of them in the house, and it's hard to believe that they've held up for such long periods of time just by keeping fresh water on them. I had never before seen their blooms—they look very much like Jack-in-the-Pulpits.

Here on the dining room table where I'm writing to you, there is a centerpiece of zinnias that Martin fixed "for grandpa" since everyone in the family knows how much he likes them. These are some of the new varieties (Peppermint Stick, Giant Cactus, Dahlia Flowered, Persian Carpet, etc.) and they are surely beautiful. Next year we want to plant many more so we can have a big supply for bouquets.

These days when we drive along our Iowa highways I miss the wild flowers that once grew in such profusion. Probably many of them disappeared when highway work was done, and no doubt others have been dug up by flower lovers. My mother used to recite this little verse to us when we went out to pick wild flowers:

"Wherever you go and whatever you find,
Always be *sure* to leave something behind."

There was more to it that has slipped my mind, but the important thought was in those two lines.

We had all of our seven children home this summer, not all at the same time as we had hoped could be arranged, but at least they were here. In only seven years Mart and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary, and at that time they all plan to be here for a real family reunion.

This past month we had a very nice visit with Mary Fischer Chapin and her two sons, Elliot and Jared who came from New Jersey to visit her father, Fred Fischer, and the numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. We went up to Red Oak to meet their train, and it was quite a shock for them to step out from air-conditioning to a temperature of 104! Like Frederick's family, they left home on a very cool morning and they found that Iowa heat was really something to get accustomed to! The boys had so much fun that they want to come back for a whole month next summer, and certainly we'd all be happy to have them. Elliot and Juliana found many interests in common, while Jared and Martin had a big time together.

One evening this past month our back yard was the scene of a Driftmier family picnic. Mart is one of a family of seven children, and four of them with their children and grandchildren, plus our family and their children, made a group of about thirty. We always try to get together for a picnic every summer, but this particular occasion was a farewell gathering for our nephew Gene Rope, his wife and their four little children, John, Mark, Jean and Thomas who are leaving soon to make their home in California.

Those of you who have had to see your only grandchildren move far away will know how Gene's parents, Albert and Adelyn, feel these days. Gene and his family have lived right on the adjoining farm for the past eight years, and it is a wrench to break up such a happy pattern of helping with the babies and seeing them grow and develop.

One job we got done this past month that needed doing badly was what I call "de-junking" the basement. As many of you know, I spend my days in a wheelchair so I cannot get down our narrow, steep cellar steps. Well, I solved this job by wheeling out in the back yard and having all the cartons brought to me through the outside entrance. There were many, many cartons of quart fruit jars because I do all of my canning now in pints since we are alone, so I passed those on to a local nursing home.

Bertha Field, brother Henry's wife, is having a lovely trip right now. For years Philip Field (he lives in Washington, D. C.) has been urging her to come and see them, and finally she is there with them. One of her friends was driving to Philadelphia and asked her to ride that far with them, so it was a perfect chance to get started. Philip is a wonderful guide and I'm sure that Bertha is having a wonderful time. Mart and I still remember with much pleasure the sight-seeing that Philip and Marie did with us when we were there. We only wished we could have stayed longer.

My two sisters, Martha and Jessie who live in Clarinda, Ia. are well. They had wonderful summer visits with their children and grandchildren, and one thing came in mighty handy when it came to sleeping arrangements. A friend of Jessie's had a very nice screened room with a board floor which had once been used as a YWCA camp on their farm. Since this was not in use it was moved into Jessie's yard, and on those hot summer nights it made a fine place for four people to sleep. Jessie's and Martha's house has two bedrooms, so you can see how handy the screened room would be.

On page 17 in this issue you'll find a very important announcement about our daily radio visit. Perhaps you'd better set your alarm clock for 1:00 in the afternoon until you've gotten used to this new time over KFAB. We're surely happy to greet our old friends in the Norfolk vicinity, and to make new friends.

We have received word that my great-niece, Marilyn Lombard of Redlands, Calif. will be married soon. She is a granddaughter of my sister, Sue Conrad. We would like very much to attend the wedding but will not be able to go to California before the first of the year. At that time we expect to visit Harry Driftmier's family in Los Angeles, and my brother, Sol Field's family in northern California. We'll make our headquarters in Redlands at the same hotel where we've stayed in the past, and then take trips out from there.

One more of our grandchildren starts to school this September. Alison is very excited at the prospect of going to kindergarten, and I suppose that Emily, now a third-grader, will feel very grown up when she takes her little sister the first morning. Martin will be in the fourth grade, and Juliana will be in the eighth grade. Little Clark will be the only grandchild here in Shenandoah who isn't in school.

It's time now to go and look at my bread, so I must say goodbye and wheel to the kitchen. Try and write to us after the children are back in school and things have quieted down.

Sincerely yours, Leanna

TURN WINTER INTO SPRING!

Some Notes On House Plants

By Lucile

Some of the many caladiums that Russell and Lucile enjoyed around their pool this summer.

For the past few years we have been experimenting with all kinds of house plants, and by the homely process of trial and error we've certainly learned a great deal! However, success has overshadowed occasional failure to such a degree that we often conclude it is more rewarding to produce a beautiful plant indoors than to stand and look at something blooming outdoors.

There is a good reason for this. Here in our Midwestern states we have week after week after week of what might be called a study in black and white. Perhaps at the very outset it may be slightly restful after the burning suns and almost jungle vegetation of summer, but it doesn't take long for stark black trees against a grey sky to become mighty tiresome. It's then that *anything* growing inside is a positive joy to the eyes, and we find ourselves developing such an attachment for our house plants that they almost fall into the status of family pets.

Like most other people who first start out to garden indoors, we didn't realize that most plants suited to house culture simply must have humidity. Many people keep their rooms too hot, not too cold, but over and beyond the matter of temperature is this pressing problem of humidity. I might say right here that human beings are very much akin to plants on this subject. After we worked out a scheme to get humidity into the house we thrived right along with the plants — heavy winter colds have been most infrequent.

The oldest and most simple device is to keep a kettle of water steaming away on the kitchen stove. If you cook with gas, as I do, you can reduce the flame to the lowest point and it's enough to keep up the necessary steam. If you cook with electricity you can turn the burner to its lowest point.

The type of heating system you have in your house makes a difference in the dryness of the air, of course. We have a coal furnace, and when the temperature drops to a low point outside it seems that the air inside becomes very, very dry. When this condition develops we fill shallow pans with water and put them on the window sills — and the water evaporates so quickly that a fresh supply must be added daily.

Several years ago we had a local tinsmith cut a large tray for us that exactly fits the top of an inexpensive low table. If I remember rightly the bill for this big tray was around $3.75 and in many respects it's the best "garden" investment we ever made. Every autumn it is filled with vermiculite and then the various pots of tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, etc., are placed in it when they are ready to be brought up from the basement. It takes gallons of water, literally, to fill this big tray and every day more water is poured into it. You can see how much humidity this type of container will furnish.

I sincerely wish that all of you who want to have plants and flowers indoors this winter would consider utilizing an old table plus the tray cut to fit it; and it is particularly important to consider this if you are short of windows on the south and west. We certainly are. The only place in our house where plants that need good light and sun can get it is at the corner of our living room between one south window and one west window. Our table and tray fit right between them and allows us to have a dozen times the number of plants that we could have otherwise.

Some plants need north or east light and at those windows we utilize any kind of makeshift that comes to hand — perhaps a shelf directly across the lower section of the window, a small table standing in front of it, or even a bench — one that came originally with Juliana's desk. Fortunately, she prefers a chair and that releases the bench. The point is that if you really want house plants you can turn your hand to almost anything; it certainly isn't necessary to have all kinds of fancy equipment and gadgets that *would* be nice if money didn't enter into it.

If you have plants standing directly near any window you must give them a little extra protection when one of our blizzards arrive. We slip newspapers between the plant and the window — just tack them up with scotch-tape. This protects the plant from cold drafts that are likely to injure them.

Many of our house plants spend the summer outdoors, and we always get them back inside before it is necessary to start the furnace. This gives them an opportunity to adjust themselves for you don't want them to go directly from outdoor conditions to a heated house. A two-weeks in-between period helps them a great deal.

Last year we particularly enjoyed our Fuschas, a plant that I had always associated with San Francisco where we saw one of the great collections of the world — close to 2,000 varieties in it. They need cool conditions and plenty of light, so we kept them in our dining room where there is an east window . . . and where it is always cool, I might add. We used a light soil of leaf mold and sand, enriched by a tablespoonful of bonemeal. They had their tops sprayed every day, but we didn't soak up the roots until the growth was well along.

There are many varieties of Fuschias offered today, but the three we got the most pleasure from were a large, double lavender-blue called *Tutu* — it had broad white sepals and a delicate pink underside! *Yuletide* had lovely double white blossoms with bright crimson sepals; and *Millionaire* was the deepest vlolet purple we have ever seen in a house plant.

Geraniums are one of the oldest of all plants that can be grown indoors with great success, but such tremendous improvements have been made in them that our grandmothers wouldn't believe their eyes if they could see what we are offered today.

The secret of developing a compact, bushy geranium rather than a long, leggy looking plant is to pinch it back continually as it develops. The shorter the space between each leaf, the more chance to make it throw a flower branch at that leaf joint. Keep picking off the dead heads and pinch back the branches which act as if they want to grow tall.

Geraniums thrive in a bright sunny window, and they should be watered only when the soil is beginning to get dry; then give them a thorough soaking. Once a month they need to be fed wth whatever type of plant food you use. It's important to remember to turn the pot frequently in order to insure even development all the way around. And since geraniums grow fairly rapidly, don't let them get

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IT'S VACATION MONTH FOR THE SPRINGFIELD DRIFTMIERS

Dear Friends:

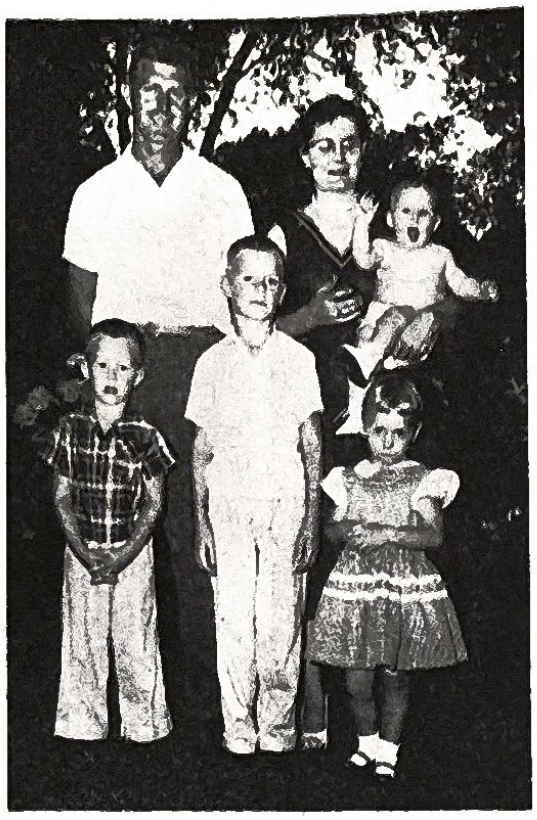
I am writing this letter from our summer cottage on the lake down in the woods of Rhode Island. It is a modest little place tucked away in the wilderness where only our best friends can find us. We are glad that some of them do find us, for one of our favorite summer pleasures is the entertaining of friends from far and near. It is so easy to entertain here—there is swimming and boating and hiking, and always we cook out over an open fire when there are guests.

Last week Betty entertained a dozen of her club friends from Bristol, Rhode Island where we used to live. Each year when the club visits us at the cottage we take them on a lovely hike along some of the many woodland trails, and this year we were most anxious to take them up to a magnificent lake that few people ever see. Since we were not sure of the trail, we decided to take the children and walk over the trail on the day before the guests arrived so that we couldn't possibly get lost with them along. We drove several miles up to the point where the trail to the lake began, and then, leaving the car, we started out on what we planned to be just a one mile walk—one-half mile to the lake, and one-half mile back to the car.

It was the first time we had ever taken little David with us on a hike for the woodland trails are not meant for small children. He did as well as any of us up to the lake, and he was just as disappointed as all of us when we found what should have been one of the most beautiful lakes in this part of the country absolutely bone dry. Evidently the big dam had broken away during the floods of last summer, and instead of looking at water, we found ourselves looking down into an empty canyon. Certainly we did not want to show that to the club ladies, and we thought ourselves lucky to have discovered it in time.

We started right back to the car on another trail and after walking one-half mile found ourselves nowhere near it. We took another little trail that we thought went the right way only to discover that we didn't know where we were. As well as we know this countryside, we actually got lost. All in all, we walked an estimated six miles on what should have been a one mile hike. The children were wonderful—never complaining, never resting, and keeping up with Betty and me all the way. At one point Mary Leanna did think that she would just have to sit down and rest but when she saw a large snake right by the rock where she had planned to sit she decided to keep walking. When the ladies came the next day, we took them on another trail closer to home.

If you had been at our cottage this morning for breakfast, do you know what we would have served you? You could never guess! We had the most delectable blueberry griddle cakes made with the wild blueberries that the children picked in the woods last night. Yesterday afternoon when they went with me to learn what animal our dog had treed out in the woods, they saw the first blueberries of the season. They ran home and got their mother to go with them to pick enough berries for breakfast this morning.



Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rope and their children, Mark, John, Tommy (in his mother's arms) and little Jean.

We drove out to Cape Cod on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, and believe me, it is the last time we shall ever go in that direction during the summer months. On other occasions we had visited Cape Cod in the fall or in the spring. I had heard that the tourist traffic was heavy on the Cape in the summer, and that is why we went in the middle of the week. I simply could not believe that automobile traffic could be so heavy in any resort area as we found it there. On the weekends it must be absolutely impossible. In the middle of the week we naively did not think that it would be necessary to have reservations for a place to sleep. We learned differently. Never in all of my life have I seen so many motels with the "No Vacancy" sign up at ten o'clock in the morning. For a few hours I really thought that we would have to drive clear back to Providence just for a bed, but finally we did get settled at a tourist home. We took the last two rooms that it had.

On our Cape Cod trip we had one experience that compensated for the difficult driving conditions. At the very end of the Cape just as far out as automobiles can drive, we found an unusual taxi service. Special cars equipped for driving through deep sand take paying passengers on a thrilling ride over the sand dunes and along the rugged sea-torn beaches. The four of us took the trip, and we shall never forget it. We saw the famous Cape Cod sand dunes in a way that no other method could provide. We were most interested in the bird life, seeing many species of sea birds nesting all along the dunes. At one point we drove up an empty channel where at high tide the sea races inland with tremendous force. Of course we were driving there at low tide, needless to say, completely intrigued by the strange things that the sea had deposited along the then dry channel bottom.

I know that you will find this hard to believe, but on my honor I tell you that at one point we saw hundreds and hundreds of sand shark skeletons stripped clean of flesh by thousands of scavenger sea gulls. Evidently the sharks at high tide had entered the swirling race, only to be caught high and dry when the tide had suddenly turned and rushed back to sea. Had it not been for the sanitary work of the sea gulls, the northeastern tip of Cape Cod would have been stricken with an odor of rotting shark flesh the likes of which few men have ever experienced. It is easy to understand why the sea gull is protected by law all along our coastline. If it were not for the good work they do keeping our beaches clean of waste matter of all kinds, most of our beaches would be uninviting to an extreme degree.

Last night after the children had been put to bed and Betty and I had an opportunity to sit by ourselves and watch the moonlight playing on the water just outside our windows, we spoke of the wonderful privileges most children have today. We give our children just in the course of a normal day so many things that our grandparents never dreamed possible. And yet with all of the wonderful things that children experience today, they can never have a better inheritance than believing Christian parents. No matter how many wonderful memories we make available for our children, no memory can be holier for a child than worshipping at the family altar. Most of us will never be able to give our children great riches, but with God's help we can give them an enormous bank account of personal faith and Christian devotion.

When this summer is over our little David Lloyd and Mary Leanna will have so many pleasant memories of gay beach parties, long afternoons out in their boats exploring the many little inlets and coves along the lake shore, riding their pony along woodland trails, hunting blueberries, and collecting shells on the ocean beach, but the memories that will last long after all of these have been forgotten, will be the memories of the hymns and prayers that we as a family share in our family devotions. We have no set time for them, and they are never forced. We sing while out in the boats or around the campfire, and we have prayers before every meal or when the spirit moves us. And with it all I so often think that it is not the words we say or the verses we sing that really matter; it is the *fact* of our singing and praying.

I shall write to you again before this summer is over, and who knows what adventures that letter may relate!

Sincerely, Frederick.

FROM MY DESK

By
Leanna

QUES: "After my husband's father died we took his mother into our home — this was five years ago. Most of the time we've gotten along all right, but she does one thing that has my nerves completely on edge. Every day she goes out and stands by the mail box and waits for the mail to be delivered. It doesn't make any difference who a letter is addressed to — she opens it then and there and reads it. I have spoken sharply to her about it and have asked my husband to talk with her, but it doesn't do any good. My sister lives just a block away and I have considered having my letters sent in her care, but hestitate to do this because it stirs up so many questions that would be hard to answer. Can you give me any suggestions for coping with this?"—Mo.

ANS: I know how you feel about having your mail opened and would like to suggest the following: tell your husband's mother that the U. S. mail regulations specify that if anyone tampers with another person's mail it is a serious offense and that she could get into real trouble. If this doesn't work, then I think you have no alternative except to do one of two things: go and wait for the postman to arrive and claim your own letters the minute he delivers them, or have your mail sent in care of your sister. Certainly you are entitled to the privilege of opening your own letters and I'd stand up for my rights on this.

QUES: "Seven of us women have gotten together and decided to ask you for advice on a situation that we don't seem able to solve by ourselves. In 1940 twelve of us old-time friends organized a social club; we meet once a month the year around for luncheon and then play cards. Up until five years ago we all looked forward to this relaxation and had a very good time, but now the whole thing has almost been spoiled by one member who consistently squirms out of taking her turn as hostess. Only serious illness has prevented the rest of us from doing our part and it annoys us that she is willing to attend every luncheon but won't do her share in return. We set the dates and places a year in advance and she always says: "I don't know right now but I'll let you know later." When we've said jokingly that we'll meet with her the next time she always has a good excuse why it's not convenient. Once she set a date and then at the last minute said that it would have to be postponed. For five years she's slid by and I might add that she has a lovely home and is better able financially to entertain at a luncheon once a year than most of us. What can we do about this?"—Ia.

ANS: It seems to me that you can cope with such a person by setting up your next series of affairs by assigning them alphabetically rather than by casual volunteering as you've done in the past. When her turn arrives she must do one of two things:

The youngest Driftmier grandchild, Katherine, with her Grandmother Driftmier.

entertain you or make another excuse. If she comes up with an excuse, tell her point blank that you'll skip this month and be with her the next month. If she again tries to slide by, then without a word simply plan to meet elsewhere without informing her. Ask a guest to take her place. She'll find out about it, of course, and at that time will do one of two things: withdraw from the group because of "hurt feelings" or get busy and take her turn. Frankly, I think that it would probably be a relief to the others if she withdrew because such a situation can become so irritating that it almost spoils the pleasure of the entire group. However, since there are eleven in the group, aside from the difficult member, it would be well to get the full cooperation of the others before following through on any action.

QUES: "I think that friendly relations with your neighbors must be considered very important, Leanna, but I'm up a stump about two women in our block. They are both middle-aged, childless, and haven't nearly enough to do to keep them occupied. I have a seven-room house and four small children — it keeps me busy from morning until night just getting the daily work taken care of. These two women are forever dropping in to visit and I nearly go wild when I see them coming and know that I'm going to lose valuable time. I don't know what to do about it. I hate to hurt their feelings, but how can I make them understand that I just haven't time to sit and talk?"—Nebr.

ANS: If I were you I would go right ahead with my work — I centainly wouldn't stop and sit down and talk. If you are running the vacuum, go ahead; if you're ironing, go ahead; if you're cooking or washing, go right ahead. Tell them in a friendly way that you're 'way behind with your work and simply can't stop. Who knows — if you don't sit down, perhaps they'll offer to give you a hand since they're obviously bored and would welcome any kind of a distraction. If they're not interested in helping, they'll soon go elsewhere for diversion.

QUES: "Every fall we take my husband's two-weeks vacation and drive to Colorado to visit my daughter and our grandchildren. I always return from there exhausted because she is such a poor housekeeper that I feel I should pitch in and clean things up. Her house is really a continual wreck — it doesn't seem to bother her or her husband — they're great readers and just close their eyes to the piles of dirty clothes, constantly littered kitchen, etc. It seems to aggravate her if I try to put things into order, and yet I just can't stand such terrible housekeeping. In September we'll be going again and I wonder what you would do in my place?"—Minn.

ANS: I'd do this: make up your mind in advance to keep your eyes closed to the confusion, or don't go at all. I feel that it's a mistake for you to continue what you've done in the past. It aggravates your daughter and leaves you exhausted, so you'll have to put on blinders and just enjoy your family, or you'll have to plan to go elsewhere on your vacation and let them come to visit you. I can't see any other answer to this problem.

QUESTION: "A former minister who served us faithfully for ten years is returning this summer with his wife for a week's visit in September. In talking with others I am dismayed to find that no plans have been made for honoring them—and not much interest expressed in their coming. I don't want to make a nuisance of myself, but at the same time I would feel badly if nothing were done. Don't you think it would be all right for me to organize a covered-dish luncheon or supper to be held on my lawn? I'll gladly go to the trouble if only people will come and pay their respects. I'd appreciate your suggestions."—Mrs. H. H. K., Kansas.

ANSWER: Frequently it only takes one person genuinely interested to get something underway, and if I were you I'd go right ahead with your idea about the covered dish affair on your lawn. If people see that you're willing to go to the trouble to have it yourself, I'm almost positive that they'll cooperate and make it a pleasant get-together for your faithful pastor.

QUES: "Next door we have a very elderly couple in frail health, and last year my 14 year old son kept their walks shoveled all winter. They never offered to pay him although they could well afford to do so. Now I'm wondering what to do when the first snow falls this winter — insist that he do it as a Christian service or let them wrestle with the problem by themselves? I'd appreciate your opinion."—Mo.

ANS: In this day and age it might seem easy to let them struggle with their problem, but believe me, it will do your son a world of good to learn now that we all have an obligation to "cast our bread upon the waters". It won't hurt him to do the shoveling at his age. It *will* help to build Christian character.

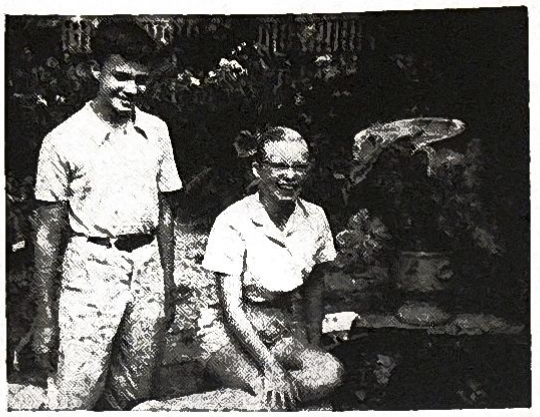
LETTER FROM LUCILE

Hello, Good Friends:

It's very early on a bright August morning that promises to be a scorcher, and when I came downstairs a few minutes ago I decided that I wasn't going to beat the heat by much of a margin.

But before I came in here to my desk to visit with you I stopped in the kitchen long enough to put a pan of beans in the oven, plus a pie shell. (The timer is set so I won't forget that pie shell!) This way I can have the oven going before it's time to close the house for the day, and tonight we'll enjoy those baked beans, plus a banana cream pie that I'll stir up later this morning.

I thought to myself as I fixed those beans with bacon, a little molasses, mustard, catsup, etc., that I'm really as old-fashioned as they come where meals are concerned. It seems impossible for me to get over the notion that we ought to sit down at the table and eat at least one meal a day. I know a good many families who take for granted a make-your-own-sandwich type of eating in the summer months, but one day of this is just about all I can stand! By the time another day dawns I feel mighty peculiar and dislocated if we don't have what I call good, honest food while we're sitting at the table.



Elliot Chapin and Juliana share a great interest in butterflies, fish and flowers.

I'm convinced that we never quite get over the meal habits that we knew in our childhood. Russell and I were discussing this yesterday and he said that in his childhood home the family had an entirely different kind of routine than I'd known. His father left the house early (this was in Minneapolis where he traveled several miles to work) so he and Mother Verness had breakfast alone. Then the children were due at different schools at different times, so each one had a separate breakfast schedule. At noon they came back at different hours and lunch had to be managed in the same fashion as breakfast. Dad Verness, of course, never was at home for lunch and this is true of practically all city families.

Supper was the high point of the day and the one meal when everyone could sit down at the table at the same time. It would be my guess that this is equally true today in countless homes.

Well, being a small-town family and a *big* family, we never knew anything but sitting down all together three times a day. As a result, it took me more than two years when I was first married to give up setting the table for a substantial breakfast! Russell kept telling me repeatedly that toast and coffee was all he wanted, but somehow I couldn't resist going right ahead with the kind of breakfast I'd grown up on! Eventually I cut it out. But I'll tell you here and now that when Juliana was old enough to eat with us I went back to setting the table, fixing cereal, eggs, etc., and for the first time in years I felt at ease about everything! We're certainly victims of habit, aren't we.

September sees the opening of club activities and I'd be willing to bet that more than one woman who is reading this has been assigned to a book review . . . and hasn't the faintest notion, as yet, what she can find that will be interesting and that lends itself readily to reviewing. (I might add that many books are virtually impossible to review in program fashion, and I hope that you don't get stuck with one!)

Recently I've read three books, all widely different, that are absorbingly interesting and that seem almost deliberately designed for review purposes. The first is "Passionate Search — a Life of Charlotte Bronte" by Margaret Crompton. It gives a wonderfully complete picture of the Bronte family — and surely a more unique and gifted family never lived. No one will ever understand how that particular background and environment produced such amazing talent, but Mrs. Crompton has done a remarkably fine job of making all of them come to vivid life for the reader.

To or three years ago I strongly recommended (for review purposes) a biography of Mary Todd Lincoln by Ruth Painter Randall. Evidently in Mrs. Randall's research she came across so much new material on the life of the Lincoln family that she felt compelled to utilize it in a book titled "Lincoln's Sons". I found this extremely interesting — and I'm sure that you also would be fascinated. It clarifies the reasons for the fact that Abraham and Mary Lincoln were parents so indulgent that they'd be right at home today with parents who let their children get away with everything! It also ventures an explanation for the totally different personality of Robert Todd Lincoln, the eldest son, and it corrects the many injustices that legend and rumor built up about his life. I felt again in reading this book that no woman was ever called upon to bear more tragic burdens than those laid upon Mary Lincoln. Truly she experienced the depths of grief that this world can hold.

A book altogether different from the two foregoing volumes is "Journey Down a Rainbow" by J. B. Priestly and his wife, Jacquetta Hawkes. In 1954 they came from their home in England to the United States for one specific purpose: Mrs. Priestly (a brilliant writer in her own field of anthropology) wanted to study the Indian culture in our Southwest — it is the oldest culture in our world today that has survived more or less intact. Mr. Priestly wanted to report on what he found in Texas today, so his section of the book is confined to Texas while his wife's section is devoted to New Mexico. Geographically, you see, very little separates the oldest and the newest. You may not agree with a single comment they make, but one thing is certain: you'll be interested, and many times you'll be amused.

(Incidentally, I always like to hear what people are reading and often it calls to my attention things that I hadn't heard about, so when you write to me I'd appreciate any remarks you care to make about books.)

Juliana had her first honest-to-goodness job in July and I can tell you that she felt very grown up and responsible. Although she is only thirteen she had an opportunity to join a hybrid corn detasseling crew, and Russell and I told her to go ahead. This is hard, hot work, but since when has hard work hurt any thirteen-year old with so much excess energy that it *has* to be worked off if boredom is to be avoided?

She left the house at 6:30 every morning, rode in a big truck to the fields, and got home again about 5:00 in the afternoon. I'll confess that the first day (a terribly hot, humid day) I just plain worried myself sick! I couldn't get my mind on my

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NEED MONEY FOR THE TREASURY?

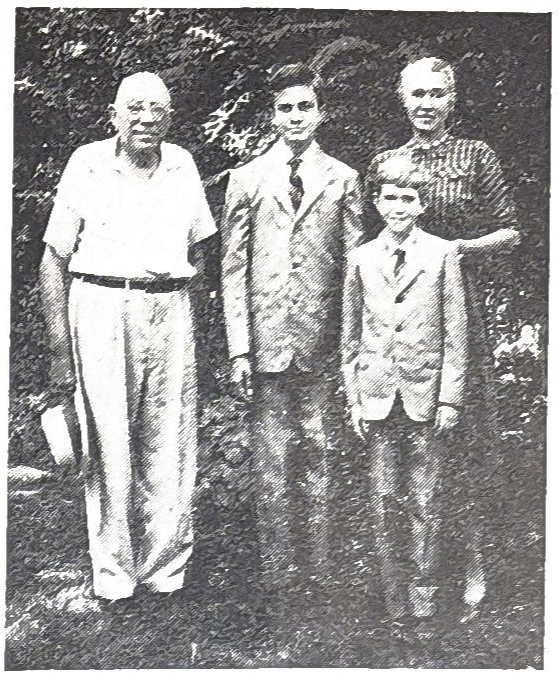
By
Virginia Thomas

Fortunate indeed is the organization that doesn't need to be on the alert for ways to raise money! If it's some new and unusual way, so much the better, but even a tried and true "sure fire" fund raiser which grandmother and her friends may have found good will get the necessary funds for projects. Perhaps some of these suggestions may be just what your club or Aid Society is needing as you begin to plan for next year's program of activities.

TASTE-A-DISH LUNCHEON is aptly named. Each member of the sponsoring group is asked to bring a favorite luncheon dish to the luncheon, to which the public is invited,—or each member might be allowed to invite two or three guests. The different dishes should be arranged on an attractive table set up in buffet fashion: casserole dishes in one section, meats in another, desserts in another, etc. Each member also brings several copies of the recipe for the dish she furnishes. Guests are charged a small amount per serving (from a few pennies for a serving of salad to perhaps 10¢ for a serving of a fancy pie or cake), and are also charged for any recipes they may wish to purchase. If servings are kept small (cost less, of course) the guests can have the fun of trying (tasting) more kinds of food. Probably the tasting of the food, the discussion of recipes and visiting will be all of the "entertainment" needed, but recorded music might be played softly throughout the luncheon hour.

COUNTRY GARDEN FAIR: If you have quite a few gardeners and homemakers who do home canning, how about a junior-size country fair where these ladies offered for sale their extra home-grown vegetables, canned fruits, vegetables, jams, jellies and pickles? These could be arranged in attractive "county-fair" booths. Those members not having surplus vegetables, etc. to contribute could volunteer to do the work on the booths, the selling, etc., as their share in the project. This type of a sale is the perfect fall money maker. Even materials for dried winter bouquets might be offered for sale, also slips for winter house plants. Perhaps some gardener can make up small cellophane wrapped packets of herbs —these would be very good items for sale.

SWAP SHOP: Here's a laugh maker as well as a money maker. Have each member bring to the meeting some item which she wishes to trade off. Her price is put on her article and concealed on a piece of paper under a patch, in the pocket, or in some convenient way upon the garment. When all the guests have arrived, let the swapping begin. Announce that no money can change hands but that the articles may be swapped and "reswapped". At the end of perhaps a half-hour or so, announce that swapping is over. Then each person must find the concealed price on her article and pay that amount into the treasury.



This family group is of Uncle Frederick Fischer, his daughter, Mary Chapin, and Mary's two sons, Elliot and Jared. They were just leaving for the train when this was taken (the Chapins live in New Jersey), so both of the boys were spruced up in their good suits.

ANTIQUE REVIEW: For the chairman of this show try to find an antique lover who will solicit all the folks in the community to display their antiques at the show. Some will work out fine just as displays, others will be more entertaining if the owners are there to demonstrate them, or tell of their history (such as old phonographs, stereoptican sets, etc). Perhaps one corner might be given over to a table upon which old magazines and old, old copies of catalogues are displayed, with chairs so the visitors might sit and browse through the exhibits.

Think of all the interesting exhibits which might be set up such as: display of old Valentines, scrapbooks, hobby collections, wedding dresses, glass collections, music boxes, old jewelry. A general admission of 25¢ might be charged and a separate charge made for refreshments, if served. Perhaps some of the antique dishes and similar items might be put up for sale if enough people had things which they did not care to keep.

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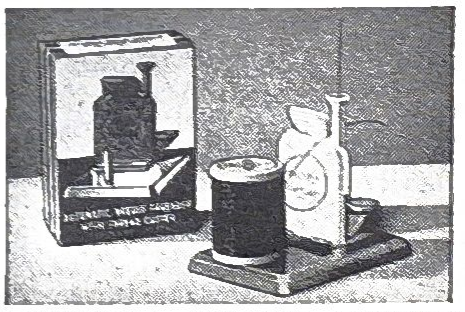

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SCHOOL TIME COMES AROUND AGAIN

By
Evelyn Birkby

Just a few days after school let out last spring a friend of ours stopped by for a visit. Bobby, newly "graduated" from kindergarten to the first grade, wandered into the room.

"Hello, Bobby, you are home for the summer now, aren't you?" my friend inquired, "I just know you are glad school is out." Bobby looked at her in amazement. It had never entered his mind to be glad or unhappy about the situation. When school was over for the year it was over. Having an emotion about it was a completely new idea.

Many times this summer adults have made similar remarks to Bobby. Of course he is having fun, the activities of vacation time are interesting and the freedom, enjoyable when busy hands and a busy mind work together. But now we have a new question coming up.

"Will you be sorry when school starts again?", friends are beginning to ask. Again Bobby looks at them in surprise. School for him is just taken for granted. He didn't realize he should decide whether to be "sorry" or "glad" about school; it was just something which came at a certain time like fall and birthdays and Sunday.

Recently came a statement by a mother (repeated many times by others): "I can hardly wait for school to begin and get the children out from under my feet. Johnny especially is getting restless, I'll be glad when he has his time planned for him."

No wonder we begin to confuse our children. Add to these the statements we begin tossing at them with stepped up intensity as September nears: "You MUST learn to tie your shoes, the teacher won't have time to do it for you." "Will you put your things away? They won't let you get away with such sloppy habits in school." "Say 'please' and 'thank you', your teacher certainly doesn't want an unmannerly little boy around."

Childish behaviour which has gone unnoticed all summer suddenly becomes highly important. The entire family, often, begins to work on the situation. Only a short time left and the responsibility of getting Junior ready for school looms ominous.

School is really a perfectly normal, natural part of our everyday life. When we show such great concern we begin to raise doubts in a child's mind. After all, preparation for school started way back when the child first began to talk, to feed himself, to walk, to work (and play) through to completion of a task he started. Reading and singing together, talking over happy times and sad, growing physically and mentally, all these are preparing for the great areas of formal education. About the best way to express this healthy growth is *learning to feel comfortable with life itself*. Learning to like and get along with people, this is the most important part of the background training given children and it is not accomplished in just a week or two. It takes five years before school and the continuing process through the following twelve or thirteen which are carried on with home as base.

Taking school, then, as a natural, easily accepted part of life is the best attitude we can have. It may be hard to keep Aunt Mary from asking, "Are you sorry to go back to school?" But at least as parents we can keep relaxed about it all. We can answer the questions the children ask about coming events.

If it is to be the first experience of kindergarten our main role is one of reassurance. Many of the objects of play which are familiar to them will be in the class room; the familiar makes them feel at home. Stressing the helpfulness and friendliness of the teacher rather than what she "expects" of the child will place him in a more comfortable relationship with her.

Children are really very adaptable creatures, they have a deep capacity for fun, they like new experiences and, regardless of seeming lapses in this area, a lot of good common sense. We can be assured as parents that these qualities are just what our youngsters need in adapting to the routines and demands which will be made upon them come September.

If we have one major responsibility toward our child it is to respect him for what he is. Not long ago I was introduced to a little girl by her mother. The mother said, "This is our mean one!" And sure enough, before long Jane was showing us just how mean she could be.

Jane's aunt said to me later, "All her life Jane has been told how mean and disagreeable she is. She has had to live up to the reputation her folks have built for her." Essentially, we must respect the individuality of the child by not trying to make him like we were when we were little, not holding up his brothers and sisters as examples, not punishing or berating him because he is different in his interests or slower or less talented than we wish he were. It goes back, I suppose, to the matter of accepting our little ones and loving them regardless.

Maybe we wanted a boy instead of a girl. Maybe we wanted a blue-eyed blonde instead of a brown-eyed brunette. Perhaps the physical or mental capacities of the child didn't quite come up to the standard we had hoped. Some place along the line, if

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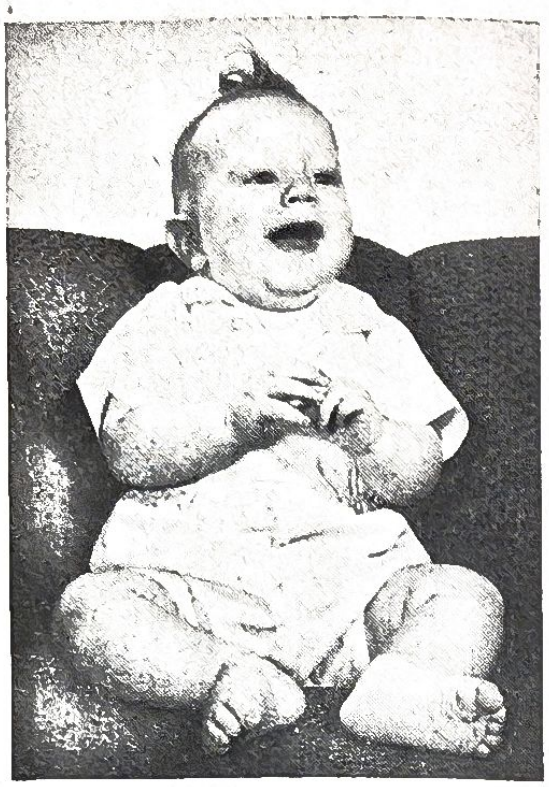
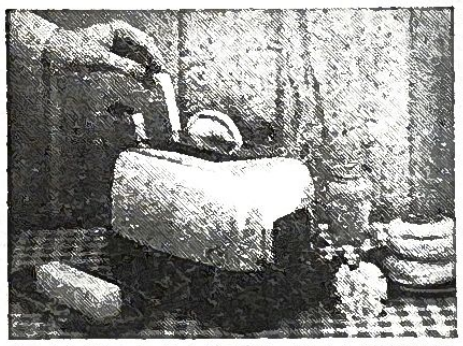


The way time flies it won't be long until Craig Birkby is starting to kindergarten.



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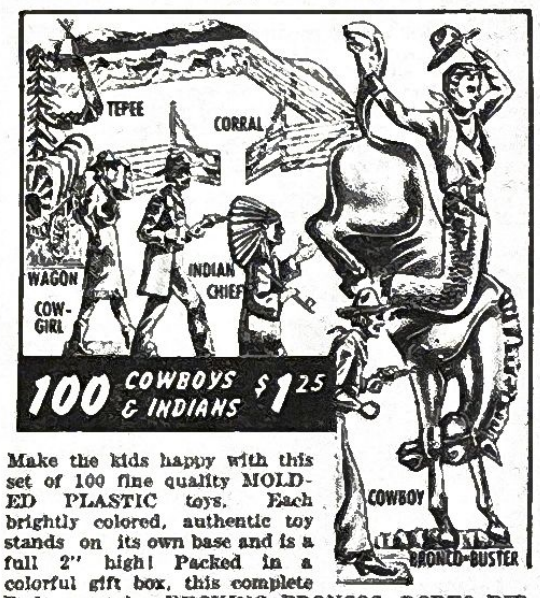

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WHAT A BUSY MONTH IT HAS BEEN FOR DOROTHY!

Dear Friends:

The house is so quiet this morning I thought it would be a good time to write my letter to you. Frank has gone to the field and Kristin is spending this week with Margery, Oliver and Martin at Templar Park, Spirit Lake. This is the first time Kristin has ever been to Spirit Lake and we thought it was very nice of Margery and Oliver to ask her to go with them.

We had quite a time Saturday getting her ready to leave. She spent last week at a church camp at Lake Ahquabi, Indianola, Iowa, arriving home late Friday afternoon. Since she was to leave on Saturday afternoon for Shenandoah it didn't give us much time to get her clothes washed and ironed and ready for another trip. When I got up early Saturday morning ready to wash, it was raining so the clothes had to be hung on a rack in the house. The air was so damp that even with two fans blowing right on them they still didn't dry. Finally I had to start ironing them soaking wet and I thought I would never get them dry enough to pack.

Kristin worked hard and long hours on her 4-H projects the first two weeks in July so that when she did go to camp and Spirit Lake she could go with a light heart knowing that she was all ready for the local achievement show. These are the things she has completed and will enter: a skirt, an apron, blouse, shorts, nightgown, and a robe or negligee to match the gown. She is real proud of them and with good reason. I think she did a very nice job on them.

I have never known a summer to go so fast. I think it is because Kristin and I have been racing against time all summer. When you have deadlines to meet and many activities to crowd into a short period of time the days just seem to slip away altogether too fast. I look back and wonder what we did with all of our time before we joined 4-H and had expense account books, record books, projects, meetings, parties, achievement shows, etc.!

For the past two weeks and the next two weeks I am busy every evening coaching three one-act plays which will be given one evening at the County Achievement Show. Early in May the county president of the girls' club asked me what I thought of the boys and girls giving a play at the county show to help raise money for county activities? I told her I thought it was a good idea and she asked me if I would help them with it. The first thing we had to do was to find out if enough boys and girls would be sufficiently interested to give their time to such a project, so letters were sent to all the clubs asking them to turn in the names of those who would like to take part. Fifty responded, so the extension director and I decided that instead of one three-act play we would have three one-act plays since by doing this more young people could participate.

Between vacations, camps and conventions we have been having quite a struggle with our rehearsals which have been going on for two weeks now. In fact, last night was the first time that one complete cast had all been present at the same time. We take one play an evening and in this way all the boys and girls don't have to come every night—but I do. So you can see that my time this summer has been pretty well consumed with 4-H activities.

I have been working three or four days a week in the office all this month. We have the text book rental system in Lucas County and at the close of the school year each teacher sends in a list of the number of children she will have in each grade the following year.

During the summer months we pack the books for each school in boxes and get them ready for the teachers to take out before school starts. We usually do this in August but this year we will have several new books in the rural schools and the teachers were rather anxious to get them early so they could look them over.

A week ago Sunday Mother and Dad and the Wayne Driftmier family drove up to spend the day with us. Abigail told me that when she told Alison they were going to drive to Lucas, Sunday, to see Aunt Dorothy, Alison went tearing out of the house and said to Emily, "Guess what! Sunday we are going to go see Little Champ." So you can see how I rate!

Little Alison is a real horse lover and Wayne says that is all she talks about. After she had ridden Champ for awhile I told Frank to saddle Bonnie and I would take her for a ride. I put Alison in the saddle and I got on behind so that she would have the saddle horn to hang onto. Alison is so tiny that her little legs just barely hung over the side of the saddle. After we had been walking around for awhile I let her hold the reins and showed her how to neck rein. We went up the road a little way and then started back. I knew the minute Bonnie got to the gate she would take off and there would be no holding her back because her colt was in the barnlot. That is just what happened and I quickly reached around to take the reins so Alison could hold on with both hands and she yelled back, "Don't worry Aunt Dorothy, I'm a-guiding her." She did too — straight up the bank, as she says "just like the cowboys". What time Alison wasn't on a horse she was standing on the other side of the fence where they were tied just watching them. Emily was just as happy riding Kristin's bicycle.

Emily and Alison are coming in August to spend three or four days with us and I expect Kristin and I both will do more riding in those few days than we have done the rest of the summer put together.

This afternoon I am going into Chariton and stand on the station platform while the fast train goes

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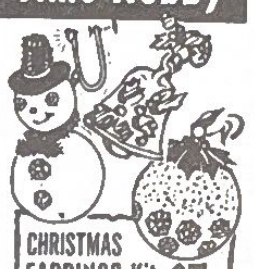

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"Recipes Tested in the Kitchen - Klatter Kitchen"

By

LEANNA, LUCILE and MARGERY

SWEET SLICED PICKLES

2 gals. cucumbers, 3 to 5 inches in length
14 small white onions
4 large green peppers
3/4 cup salt

Slice the cucumbers in 1/8 inch slices without paring. Slice the onions likewise. Cut the peppers into fine bits. Mix the salt through the combined cucumbers, onions and peppers. Place a weighted lid on them and let stand 3 hours. Drain and add the following:

10 cups sugar
1 Tbls. tumeric
1 tsp. ground cloves
1 tsp. celery seed
1/4 cupful mustard seed
2 1/2 quarts water

Combine the dry ingredients, add the vinegar, then the prepared vegetables, and place over low heat. Heat through thoroughly but do not boil, stirring often. Pack into jars and seal. This makes a very crisp sliced pickle.

CHILI SAUCE

12 large ripe tomatoes
2 large onions
4 green and 2 red peppers
6 onions
Grind

Add 2 Tbls. salt, 1 Tbls. cinnamon, 1 Tbls. ginger, 1 cup sugar, 2 cups vinegar. Cook until thick and can.

GREEN TOMATO CHILI SAUCE

1 pk. green tomatoes
6 onions
3 red peppers
3 green peppers
3 Tbls. salt
1 Tbls. cinnamon
1 Tbls. cloves
1 Tbls. ginger
2 Tbls. mustard seed
2 Tbls. celery seed
2 1/2 cups sugar

Cover well with vinegar and boil 1 hour. Seal.

DILL SWEETS

Use 10 or 12 dill pickles, quartered
Bring to boiling point:
2 cups sugar
1 cup white vinegar
1/4 cup water
1 tsp. pickling spice

Pour over dills. Let stand 24 hours. Bring to boiling point again and pour back on pickles.

CARROT LOAF

2 cups cooked carrots (mashed or diced)
2 or 3 Tbls. butter or margarine, melted
2 eggs, separated
1 small onion
1 1/2 cups milk
2 cups dry bread crumbs

Cook carrots in salted water until tender and mash fine. Mix in the other ingredients. Lastly fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into a buttered baking dish with fitted lid and bake in a moderate oven about 1 hour or until loaf is firm in center.

SANDWICH FILLINGS

SPICED PORK AND EGG

Combine chopped canned spiced pork, chopped hard-cooked egg and sweet pickle relish. Moisten with mayonnaise or salad dressing.

LIVER AND EGG

Combine minced cooked liver and chopped hard-cooked egg. Moisten with mayonnaise or salad dressing. Season with horse-radish, salt and pepper.

CHICKEN AND RIPE OLIVES

Combine chopped cooked or canned chicken, chopped celery and chopped ripe olives. Moisten with mayonnaise or salad dressing.

SALMON AND CUCUMBER

Combine flaked salmon and chopped cucumber. Moisten with mayonnaise and season with salt and pepper.

CHEESE AND PEANUT BUTTER

Blend grated American cheese and peanut butter. Moisten with mayonnaise or salad dressing.

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FREDERICK'S SPARE RIBS — ISLAND STYLE

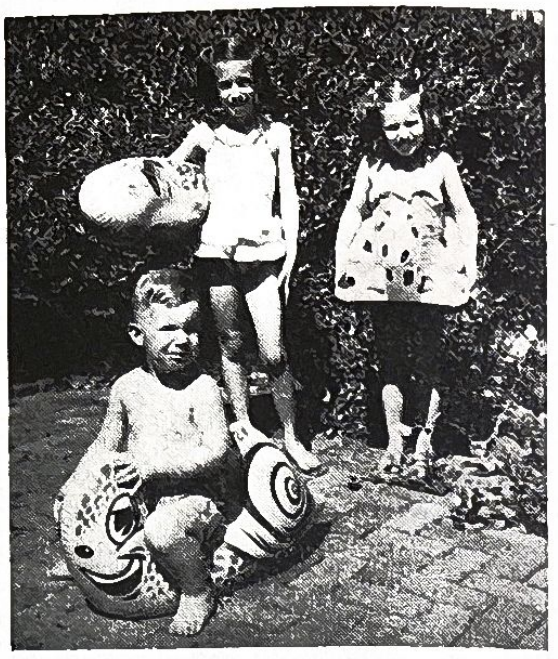
4 lbs. of ribs
1 cup tomato catsup
1/2 cup brown sugar
3 Tbls. vinegar
1 Tbls. Worchestershire sauce
1 Tbls. Soy Sauce
1 tsp. prepared mustard

Salt and pepper ribs. Bake until half done in shallow pan in a 350 degree oven. Put on sauce and bake to completion.

NEW MACAROONS

2 egg whites
1 cup powdered sugar, sifted before measuring
1/3 tsp. salt
2 cups corn flakes
1 cup coconut
1 cup chocolate chips
1 tsp. Kitchen-Klatter vanilla flavoring

Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Add other ingredients and bake in a 350 degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes. We drop them from a teaspoon and that is the baking time we use. However, if you make yours larger or smaller, the baking time will vary.



Grownups may not feel like eating big meals on hot summer days, but Clark, Emily and Alison came home from the swimming pool simply ravenous — they really kept Abigail over the stove!

TUNA-CASHEW DISH

(a good luncheon dish)

1 can of tuna
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 cup chopped celery
1/4 cup chopped green onion (if desired)

(This can be prepared ahead of time but at the last minute add the following):

1 cup Chinese noodles
1/2 cup whole cashew nuts

Mix them all together and bake in a greased baking dish for 1/2 hour at 350 degrees. This will serve 8 to 10 people. Serve hot.

DAINTY TEA DOUGHNUTS

1/2 cup sugar
1 tsp. sweet thick cream
1/2 cup sweet milk
1 egg
Pinch of salt
Pinch of nutmeg
1 rounding tsp. baking powder
Flour to make a medium stiff batter

Dip a marshmallow in above dough to cover and drop in hot fat. Very dainty.

PINEAPPLE UPSIDE-DOWN ROLL

Drain 1 can (1 lb. 14 oz.) crushed pineapple and spread evenly on a 15" x 10" x 1" jelly-roll pan. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup brown sugar firmly packed.

Sift 3/4 cup all purpose flour with 1 tsp. baking powder and 1/2 tsp. salt.

Beat 4 egg whites with 1/2 cup sugar to the peak stage. Then beat 4 egg yolks until thick with 1/4 cup sugar and fold into whites. Add 1/2 tsp. Kitchen-Klatter vanilla.

Lastly fold into flour. Spread batter evenly over the pineapple mixture. Bake at 375 degrees from 18 to 20 minutes.

Remove from oven and invert on a damp towel, sprinkled with confectioner's sugar. Roll cake evenly and let cool in towel. Cut in slices and serve with the following sauce: Mix 2 Tbls. sugar and 1 1/2 Tbls. corn starch. Add 2 cups pineapple juice and cook until thick. Lastly add 2 Tbls. lemon juice.

REQUEST RECIPES

FLOATING ISLAND

4 cups milk
3 eggs
2 1/2 Tbls. flour
1/2 cup sugar (scant)
1/8 tsp. salt
1 tsp. Kitchen-Klatter vanilla
1 Tbls. powdered sugar
1/2 tsp. Kitchen-Klatter vanilla

In top of double boiler, scald the milk. Separate the eggs, placing the whites in one bowl and the yolks in another. To the yolks add the flour, sugar and salt. With a fork beat the yolk mixture until well blended. Stir in a cupful of the heated milk. Return all to the double boiler and cook, stirring for about 3 minutes or until it coats the spoon. Remove from the double boiler and cool, covered. When cool add the 1 tsp. of vanilla and pour into a serving bowl and refrigerate. Just before serving, beat the 3 egg whites until light, then beat in the 1 Tbls. powdered sugar and the 1/2 tsp. of vanilla. Beat until stiff and smooth. Place on top of the custard and gently fold in partially, leaving some on top for the islands.

GRAPE-NUTS BROWN BETTY

3 large apples, pared and thinly sliced
4 Tbls. sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
5 Tbls. butter
1/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1/2 cup sifted flour
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup grape-nuts

Arrange layer of apples in greased baking dish and sprinkle with mixture of sugar and cinnamon. Dot with 1 Tbls. butter. Cream 4 Tbls. butter and brown sugar. Add flour sifted with salt, then add grape-nuts, stirring well. Spread lightly over apples. Bake, covered, in moderate oven, 350 degres, for 30 minutes. Remove cover and continue baking for 15 minutes more, or until apples are tender. Serve warm with cream.

CORN RELISH

12 cups corn (can be field corn)
2 quarts ripe tomatoes
1 quart peeled cucumbers
1 quart onions
6 green peppers
1 quart vinegar
1 quart sugar
1 Tbls. celery seed
1 Tbls. mustard seed
1/2 cup salt

Boil for 1 hour and seal in hot sterilized jars.

MEXICAN CAULIFLOWER

1 medium head cooked cauliflower (Don't over cook). Break up into flowerettes and put in a greased, shallow baking dish. Open No. 2 can (2½ cups) tomatoes and cook until most of the liquid is evaporated. Put over the califlower. Add 1 cup of grated American cheese. Sprinkle with soft bread crumbs and dot with butter. Bake in a 325 degree oven for about 15 or 20 minutes.

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GLAZED PEACH PIE

9-inch baked pie shell
4 cups sliced peaches
1/2 cup water
1 cup sugar
3 Tbls. cornstarch
1 Tbls. butter

Crush enough of the peaches to make 1 cup. Combine with water, sugar and cornstarch. Bring to a boil and cook over low heat until clear. Add 1 Tbls. butter and cool slightly. Line baked pie shell with fresh peach slices. Spread on filling. Chill for 2 hours and top with layer of sweetened whipped cream.

OLIVE NUT FRUIT SALAD

1 No. 2 can crushed pineapple
2 oz. jar stuffed green olives
4 oz. jar maraschino cherries
2 pkgs. orange gelatine
3/4 cup shredded blanched almonds
1 tsp. grated orange rind

Dissolve jello—(juice of 1 orange, liquid from olives, cherries and pineapple and enough water to make 4 cups). Add dash of salt, and sliced olives, cherries and nuts. Pour into ring mold. Serve with mayonnaise or fruit dressing.

PORK AND NOODLE CASSEROLE

1 medium sized onion, diced
3 tsp. butter
3 cups strained tomatoes
1/2 lb. grated American cheese
1 med. sized green pepper, diced
2 lbs. ground lean pork shoulder
4 cups cooked noodles (8-ounce package)
Salt and pepper to taste

Fry onion and green pepper in butter until onion is yellow. Add ground pork and cook, stirring from time to time until slightly browned. Add tomatoes, noodles and cheese. Season and mix thoroughly. Pour into baking dish and bake in a moderate oven for 1 hour.

EVELYN'S SALAD DRESSING

Beat together:
1/2 cup vinegar
1/2 cup cream
1 tsp. dry mustard
3 Tbls. sugar
Dash of salt

Stir slightly and add:
2 eggs or 4 egg yolks

Cook until thick, over low heat or in a double boiler. Refrigerate.

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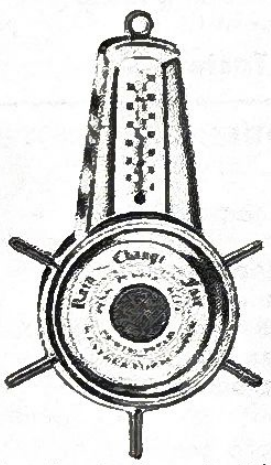

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LETTER FROM MARGERY

Dear Friends:

Our house smells like applesauce today. I just came from the kitchen after washing up after the canning and decided that now would be a good time to sit down and write my letter to you friends.

Martin and his friends, Woody and Johnnie, are playing in the clubhouse. Those of you who have visited us this summer probably saw the monstrosity in the back yard. The entire project started very innocently. Martin came in the house one morning complaining about not having a good clubhouse for secret meetings like he had in Essex. There we had an old chicken coop that the children enjoyed as a clubhouse. Of course my suggestion of holding meetings in the basement or the garage didn't go over at all. Finally in desperation I said, "Well, you'll just have to build one then." The door slammed behind him but it wasn't long until he was back for hammers and nails. Mother called later in the afternoon and asked how the clubhouse was coming. She said the boys had been down there asking for old boards and she gave them the old bathroom door. (It was the one that Dad had chopped the hole in when Martin locked himself in the bathroom when he was two.) She was calling to see if the boys had managed to carry it up the alley. I investigated and imagine my surprise when I found that the door had been nailed on and also our old kitchen cupboard doors as well as the old lattice we had taken off from around the front porch. They had built the house in the *middle* of the back yard and it was now so heavy I couldn't move it. We thought the boys would get discouraged and start taking it down, but we had another thought coming! I explained to the neighbors that I didn't think the building project would last much longer and that we would soon have the unsightly thing out of the way but we ended up by calling all the boys in the neighborhood, big and little, and moved it over to the back of the garden. It came apart at the seams somewhat, but that was easily repaired. The next morning the boys announced that they were ready to paint. *That* was a sight and I'm sorry we didn't think of pictures right then, for the boys had more paint on themselves than the clubhouse. It took hours to get all the paint off and they had mighty tender skin the next day. The fun was in the building and painting. Do you think they have held many meetings? I had to *insist* that they play in it today! Now they are in the Roofless Clubhouse planning what kind of club they are going to have. Russell drove by and decided that it was worthy of a picture so we hope that we have one clear enough for a cut for this issue.

We just returned from a little vacation trip. When Oliver came home from a trip west he found he could get away for a little while so we decided to leave right away. We had asked Kristin to go with us if and

Martin started to blow out his nine candles just as this was snapped.

when we did go so she came down on the train the night before we left. We hardly gave her a chance to catch her breath from her Sunday School camp and how Dorothy managed a washing and ironing I don't know.

We had toast and coffee before we left home and then drove up highway 71 to Audubon, Iowa before we had a real breakfast. Our next stop was Storm Lake, Iowa at the lovely city park on the lake. Martin always likes to stop at that park to play on the jungle gym and big slide. It gives us a chance to exercise and stretch our legs. We arrived at Spirit Lake in time for our noon meal.

Since it was a cool afternoon and the children couldn't go in swimming we took them over to Lake Okoboji for a ride on the Queen. We also took a drive around the lake and stopped to look at several resorts. The bulk of the time at Spirit Lake Martin and Kristin spent sailing some toy boats, fishing, exploring and playing shuffle board.

For several years we have told Martin that sometime we would take him to see the Little Brown Church in the Vale. This interested Kristin also so we took highway 18 over to Nashua, Iowa to see this historic church which was built in 1860. We didn't realize what a fine museum Chickasaw County has there. I believe we saw everything there was to see and enjoyed it all very much.

That night we stayed in McGregor, Iowa. The following morning it was drizzling rain but that didn't dampen our spirits. We had a lot to see. We drove up to Pikes Peak and saw the beautiful view across the Mississippi where the Wisconsin River joins the Mississippi. We also drove to the Effigy Mounds National Monument just north of Marquette. These are some of the last traces of the Indian people who lived there a thousand years ago, at the time the Crusades were going on in Europe.

We crossed the river at Marquette and were then in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. Oliver told us that there was a very historic home there that he had noticed several times on business trips but he had never been able to stop. This was the Villa Louis, and if you ever can, drive there and go through the home. We were all simply fascinated with what we saw. This mansion was built in 1843 by a fur trader and really has a history.

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LET'S HAND OUT OUR ROSES TODAY

By

Mabel Nair Brown

"Give me my roses while I live" is a trite old adage, but there is food for thought in it. How often we wait until too late to pass out our roses and then spend much time in regret and wishes of "might have been"!

Have you ever felt, as I often have in this busy world of today, that life is getting just too complicated, too rushed — a feeling of being pushed along too fast to enjoy some of the small pleasures of life, to do some of the "little things" for others along the way? Perhaps you need to do as I've been trying to do. Each day I breathe the little prayer in the words of the famous verse "Slow me down, Lord", and then try to do it! As a recent church bulletin of ours quoted: "If you are too busy to enjoy a beautiful sunset, to lift another's load, to pause to hear a robin sing, or to thrill to a baby's smile, then you are indeed TOO busy!"

Until you have tried it, you cannot know what joy there can be in doing all the kindly things, the little gracious acts, the expressions of thoughtfulness which can so lift up and brighten your neighbor's day and inspire your own soul!

Here are a few of the "roses" I've had fun in handing out as a part of day-to-day living. Why don't you try it and see how much joy you and others get from "roses while you live"?

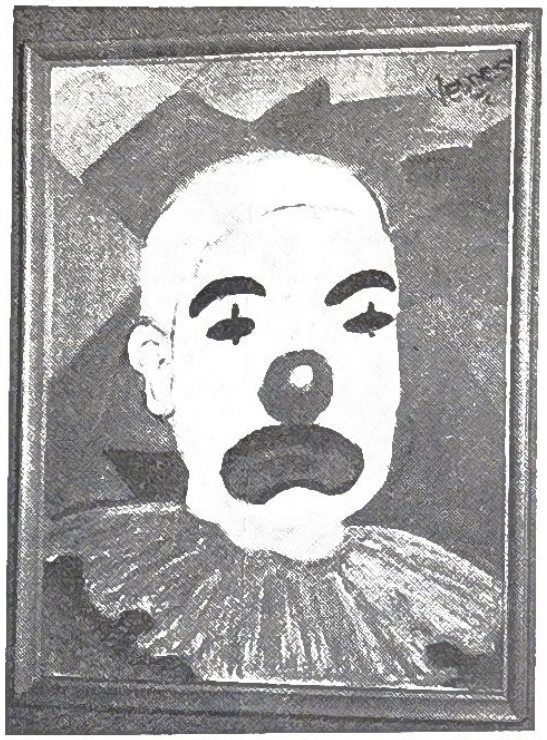
1. Tell the choir director and members how much you enjoy their part in each Sunday's service.

2. Did you ever think to tell the telephone operator how much you appreciated how quickly she put through an important long distance call for you?

3. Invite some elderly person to "go along for the ride" when you happen to have a little drive to make to a neighboring town — maybe it's been months since she has had a chance to take a ride in a car outside of town, or away from home.

4. Buy a box of pretty "notes" stationery and become a "thank you writer". Young people are thrilled beyond words to receive a little note from you that you enjoyed a vocal or instrumental solo which they have done, or their part in a church service; a congratulations if they have won some contest or award. The same goes for the minister, if he's preached an especially good sermon, the Sunday School board members if they've worked hard to put over the Sunday School Picnic, the program committee who've planned a guest day or other special program for your group. There is something about getting a little personal note from someone who took the extra time to write it, that makes the recipient feel so appreciated. Youngsters who receive such a note after a recital, for instance, will be inspired to practice all the harder!

6. Be a clipper-out-er and send a particularly good poem you find to the friend who keeps a scrap book, or recipe to some friend who is always looking for a new dish to try. Perhaps it will be a quilt pattern for Grandma Jones which you clip, or a good "quote" which your minister might use in a sermon—"sunshine clip-outs", I call them.



This clown would really show up to good advantage if only we had a colored photograph! Juliana did this in oils for a birthday present to her parents, Russell and Lucile Verness, when they celebrated their joint birthday in May. It now hangs on their dining room wall.

7. Do you share the flowers, or vegetables from your garden — perhaps with a shut-in neighbor, or someone who is lonely and needs a lift? The other day I was feeling tired and depressed when a neighbor rapped at the back door and handed me a single perfect blossom from the Peace rose. It brought me more happiness than a whole box of costly hothouse flowers could have done. All day as I went about my chores, I would glance at my rose and feel my spirits lifting as if the rose were whispering, "Someone cares".

8. Has a long-time friend moved away from the old home town? Take time to clip pictures and items of interest from the local paper to send them, along with snapshots now and then.

9. Had you thought of offering to shop for some shut-in? It will take but a little extra time on your part when you are already shopping and how much happiness it will bring to a shut-in who might want so badly to find a way to buy a birthday gift, some writing materials or other necessities.

10. When passing out these "bouquets" don't forget to shower them generously on your family, for certainly no one could better be shown how much we appreciate them than our own loved ones! Appreciation lovingly expressed is the oil of love that keeps the home machinery running smoothly, so apply it generously.

What I have done is worthy of nothing but silence and forgetfulness; but what God hath done for me is worthy of everlasting and thankful memory.—Bishop Hall.

SEARCH FOR THESE THINGS

Give each guest a slip of paper on which the following items are written. Hide the various objects about the room and give a prize to the person who can be the first to fill out his list correctly. The completed list should read as follows:

1. Her first beau. Ribbon bow.
2. Hidden tears. Onion.
3. A drive through the woods. Nail in a block of wood.
4. Flower of the family. Flour in a dish.
5. My own native land. Dirt in a dish.
6. Tax on tea. Tea with tacks on it.
7. A worn traveler. Old shoe.
8. Ruins of China. Broken dish.
9. Broken heart. Valentine.
10. Sweet sixteen. Sugar in a dish.
11. Swimming match. Match in a glass of water.
12. Switch tenders. Hair pins.
13. Departed days. Old calendar.
14. We part to meet again. Scissors.
15. Kids at rest. Kid gloves.
16. Member of a baseball game. Pitcher.
17. Stiffening for backbone. Box of starch.
18. Midnight alarm. Small bell stand-in on alarm clock.

WATCH CONTEST

1. Support of a flower. Stem.
2. The collected books of an author. Works.
3. What most folks look out for. Number One.
4. A company. Number Two.
5. A crowd. Number Three.
6. Always found at a circus. Ring.
7. A summer flower. Four O'Clock.
8. Something used before. Second hand.
9. What a policeman should do. Watch.
10. Insects. Ticks.
11. Kept by a secretary. Minutes.
12. Wedding Anniversary. Gold or silver.
13. Every one has all there is, but many say they have none. Time.
14. Decided in court. Case.
15. What we give to our friends. Hands.

AN ICE CONTEST

1. What ice do friends enjoy giving? Advice.
2. The most harmful ice. Vice.
3. An ice that calls us. Entice.
4. An ice we hope to enter. Paradise.
5. An ice we should not harbor. Malice.
6. Ice in a girl's name. Alice.
7. An ice that happens three times. Thrice.
8. An ice used in a game. Dice.
9. An ice that is a food. Rice.
10. An ice ladies are afraid of. Mice.
11. An ice you pay for goods. Price.
12. An ice that repeats itself. Twice.

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MARGERY'S LETTER CONCLUDED

I think it was a wonderful thing that the Wisconsin State Historical Society maintains it. There is also a museum there as well as several old buildings that are standing just as they were over a hundred years ago.

From Prairie du Chien we drove down to Galena, Illinois intending to visit President Grant's home but it is having considerable work done on it now so wasn't open to the public. We'll have to stop there another time.

Since we were not far from Rockford, Illinois where Oliver's sister Nina and her husband, Robert Lester, live we dicided to visit them. We spent the night there and drove to Elgin, Illinois the next morning to visit another sister and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson. We would have driven into Chicago to visit his sister Laura, but because of the polio epidemic there we decided against it. Laura will be coming here in two weeks anyway.

Coming home we drove down beautiful Rock River and stopped at the Lowden Memorial park and White Pines State Park in Oregon, Illinois. We spent that night in Clinton, Iowa where we visited in the evening with Josephine Field Nelson and her husband, Alvin. We decided on a route home which took us through the Amana colonies and would have stopped but it started to rain. The day was very warm so the rain refreshed us some. At Lucas we let Kristin off and although Dorothy and Frank had just finished lunch it didn't take Dorothy long to prepare something for us. It gave us a good chance for a little visit.

We felt that we had had a lovely little trip, but were mighty happy to get home. Isn't that always the way it is? Everything at home was fine with only one catastrophe — our little white kitten had disappeared. We had made arrangements for its care while we were gone but the neighbors said that it was terribly lonesome. Martin decided that he struck out to look for us! Maybe he did and maybe he will turn up yet.

School will be starting before we know it. I'll have more to say about that next month.

Sincerely, Margery

Goethe's nine requisites for contented living are here given in brief:

1. HEALTH enough to make work pleasure.

2. WEALTH enough to support your needs.

3. STRENGTH to battle with difficulties and overcome them.

4. GRACE enough to confess your sins and forsake them.

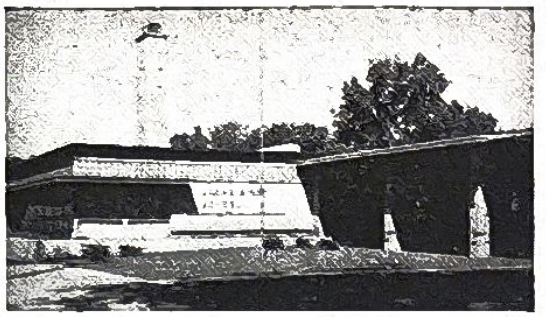
5. PATIENCE enough to toil until some good is accomplished.

6. CHARITY enough to see some good in your neighbor.

7. LOVE enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others.

8. FAITH enough to make real the things of God.

9. HOPE enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.



Here in Shenandoah we have two beautiful, ultra-modern new grade schools. This is the Broad Street school. We need one more very badly.

DOROTHY'S LETTER CONCLUDED

through at 3:12. Does this sound crazy? In a way it is, but the train does pause in Chariton for a couple of minutes only, and I will be able to get a glimpse of Mary Fischer Chapin and her two sons who will be on that train. They have been visiting in Shenandoah with Mary's father, my uncle Fred Fischer, and are on their way home to New Jersey. Mary called me Sunday to tell me what day she would be going through Chariton and hoped that at least I could be there to say "hello". I had wanted to make the trip to Shenandoah while they were there but just couldn't get away at this time. The only other time I have ever seen Mary's boys was five or six years ago when they went through Chariton on the train. However, it was a different train and one that stopped there about ten minutes, so we did get to talk a little bit longer. I was glad Kristin went down on Saturday night so that she was able to meet these cousins. The oldest one, Elliot, is just a few months older than Kristin.

I must stop and begin thinking about dinner. It isn't hard to plan meals these days with so many fresh vegetables in the garden. We had roasting ears this year as early as the middle of June. Yesterday noon we had corn, last night beets, and this noon we will have green beans.

Until next month . . .

Sincerely, Dorothy

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If I were to sell this farm today
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But this is what it would mean to me.
A house whose rafters strong and old,
Have sheltered my loved ones from winter's cold.
A barn with swallows closely pressed,
Under the eaves in their little mud nests.
A walnut tree, with branches low
Where the children's swing, swings to and fro.
The spring, whose water pure and cold
Means more to me than any gold.
The lilac bush, the apple trees,
Each one brings back its memories.
Some day I'll have to leave, I know.
It's hard to stay, but harder to go,
But with God's help I cannot fail—
No mister—this farm is not for sale.

—Olinda Wiles.

SCHOOL DAYS CONCLUDED

we are to be good parents, and the child is to be happy and well adjusted, we must accept him for what he is and no more. Respect of the personality and recognition of individual differences, which are, after all, God given, is a basic part of being a parent. Perhaps this does not seem to tie in with school directly, but in reality it is the most essential part of the growth and development of our child, of which school itself is only a part.

It is truly the concern of the parents that the emphasis of the school, as well as the home, be based on individual development. Too often the class room sets a standard and then is intolerant if the child does not reach that standard. How well I remember a boy in the third grade class which I taught. Nothing seemed to appeal to him, no subject interested him and he was classed as a poor student. One day, however, he was bending his head excitedly over a paper on which he was drawing a horse. It was the first real evidence of interest in anything! He loved to draw, he enjoyed using his hands. As his education continued it was evident that he had real talent and insofar as possible we encouraged him in that area. He was never classed as a "good" student. Our standards too often do not take into account a person whose talents do lie outside the common and ordinary. Yet these are the people who could develop into worthwhile creative individuals if the home and the school would help them, respect them and not try to make them conform rigidly to the "average" standard pattern.

Working with the PTA is an experience to which I'm still looking forward. We are fortunate in our community to have an active, alert group. With the advent of a new baby last year, my contact with the PTA was fleeting. But knowing the great advantage of such a group I can only urge you, and trust I can also, become a part of the organization this coming year. Any parent-teacher-community relationship is going to bring about advantages for everyone. So many projects, needed changes, community and educational developments can come about only by the unified efforts of a group..

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Patient when it was hard to be patient,
Because they pushed on when they wished to stand still,
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—Unknown

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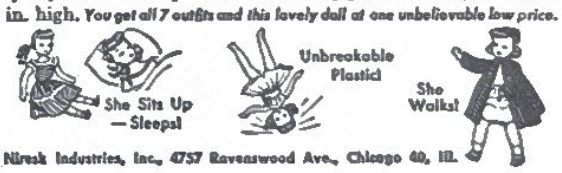

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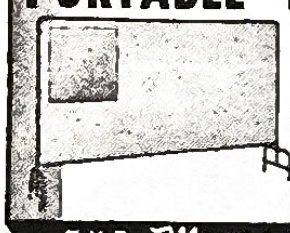

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LUCILE'S LETTER CONCLUDED

work for thinking about her out in that corn field with the sun beating down, and when it was time to go and get her I told Russell that I just hated to think about it! I was sure we'd find her wan and white stretched out on the grass with just enough strength left to stagger into the car.

Well, we parents can entertain foolish ideas for nothing, can't we! When we drove up we found her bouncing up and down just bursting with high spirits and enthusiasm for the next day's session in the corn fields. She was excited and happy about this experience and plugged right through except for the final day. At that time I asked her to give up the detasseling (no hardship to the company since they had many young people available who had finished for other companies) and stay at home so she could spend as much time as possible with her cousin, Elliot Chapin. She was willing to do this, of course, but my! I'm so glad that we let her go right ahead and didn't try to hold her back because we were worried about the heat, about it's being too hard, etc. And I know one thing for sure: never again will any check look as good to her as the check picked up for detasseling hybrid corn the summer she was thirteen.

On September 4th our public schools will open, and then for the next nine months we'll be geared to a routine that won't be varied much except for the Christmas holiday. Juliana will be in the 8th grade — I can scarcely believe this. Surely eight years haven't passed since she ran happily down the street with two other little girls for her first day at kindergarten! I have a picture taken that morning, and I treasure it. Like all mothers in all places, such a picture calls up memories that are too involved to put into words!

The pie shell is out, the beans begin to smell good, so now it's off to a busy, busy day.

Always sincerely, Lucile

MY IDEALS

Far away there in my sunshine are my highest aspirations. I cannot reach them but I can look up to them, see their beauty and try to follow where they lead.

HOME FOLKS

Home folks! Love them? Well, I guess!
Hearts just made of kindliness.
Love them? Well, I guess I do;
Always loyal, always true.
Seems as though I just can hear
Home folks' words of love and cheer,
Standing by you, lose or win,
Same as blood folks, kith and kin.
Makes no difference what you do,
Quick to show their faith in you.
Home folks' hands are quick to clasp
Yours in proud and friendly grasp.
Stranger folks are nice, I guess.
But, O, I love the home folks best!
—Author Unknown.

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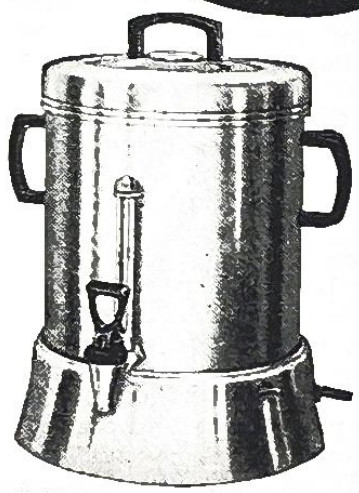

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HOUSE PLANTS CONCLUDED

root-bound in too small a pot before you notice that they look "unhappy" and need more room.

We are fond of the Ivy-Leaf geraniums because they have such beautifully graceful foliage that trails most attractively. Their blooms, of course, are stunning. We had a Double Salmon that was simply breathtaking.

As all of you know who have visited our summer garden, Russell is very partial to a great variety in foliage. That's why he is enthusiastic about the Variegated-Leaf geraniums that are now available. *Mme Languth, Distinction* and *Skies of Italy* are all extremely handsome and easily grown. When used along with the Regular geraniums or Ivy-Leaf geraniums the entire effect is enhanced.

I could write three or four pages on the Begonias that we enjoyed all winter. A new "Rosebud" type Begonia (*Carmine Queen*) was gorgeous with its double, deep pink flowers and coppery red leaves. This winter we plan to try *White Calla* and *Large Leaf Angel Wing,* both of which have been praised to the skies by flower lovers who've grown them.

We are also going to try our hand at Gardenias. We understand that the buds on this open slowly and that it has to be kept in a warm humid atmosphere and needs frequent watering. All in all, it will be exciting to watch this and if we have as much success as a friend of ours had last winter, we'll get a real lift during the winter months that are ahead.

THE GIFT SUPREME

Dear Lord, if I might choose one thing
From Thy rich, boundless store,
One gift of love to have and hold
As mine forever more,
Then would I choose that gift supreme,
Whatever fate hath sent,
The grace to say within my heart,
"Dear Lord, I am content."

Let me not envy those who search
For wealth and power or fame,
But let me keep my lamp of faith
Bright with a steady flame.
Ambition's star too often leads
To sorrow and resentment
But those who seek Thy service, Lord,
Find rest and sweet contentment.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

ABOUT THE KITCHEN-KLATTER RADIO VISIT

Effective August 27, 1956, there will be some changes in the schedule of stations carrying the regular Kitchen-Klatter radio visit. Station KFAB, Omaha, will broadcast the Kitchen-Klatter visit from 1:00 to 1:30 P.M. The program can also be heard on Station WJAG, Norfolk, Nebraska, at 10:00 A.M. Below is a complete listing of the stations now carrying the Kitchen-Klatter visit and the time that it can be heard on each station:

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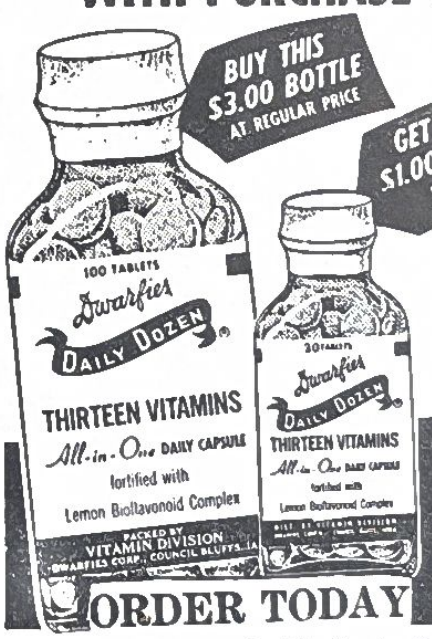

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GOOD NEIGHBORS

By Gertrude Hayzlett

Days come and days go, but they are wasted unless in each of them we do something to help someone. Cheering a shutin is one of the most worthwhile things we can do, and here are some shutins who need the cheer that perhaps you can give better than anyone else.

Miss Lucile Brewer, 871 - 23rd St., Ogden, Utah, has been bedfast many years. She has spent much of this year in a hospital and suffers much. She is unable to write.

Miss Helen Buchanan, Mapleton Depot, Pa., is another long-time shutin, mostly bedfast. Collects church views and cat novelties.

Mrs. A. Buchi, Rt. 1, Owego, N. Y., is elderly and seldom able to get out. She is up part of the time but is weak and unable to write.

Mrs. Ethel Callicoat, 120 West B. St., Glendale, Ariz., has been in bed many years. She has been very ill this summer. Please send cards. She is unable to answer.

Mrs. Grace Campion, 727 Faulkner Ave., Dayton 7, Ohio, age 75, is alone and very lonely. Her eyesight is poor, and she is unable to write.

James W. Cusack, Bird S Coler Hosp, Wd A-11, Welfare Island, N. Y., has arthritis. He is in a wheelchair, and wants mail.

Marshall F. Hayward, 335 W. 18 St., Erie, Pa., is 76 and has a rare disease for which there is no cure. He has been ill for many years and cannot get out at all. Wants mail.

Mrs. Ada Heath, 311 Nichols St., Fulton, Mo., broke her hip and was in the hospital 77 days. She is home now, alone and having a hard time cooking and caring for herself. Please write to her.

Mrs. Nellie Hibbert, Rt. 1, Leon, Iowa, has not walked in years and is helpless aside from being able to crochet — she does lovely work. She has been ill all summer, so send cards, please.

Mrs. Doris Hicks, 304 S. 3rd St., Mt. Vernon, Ill., is not well herself and has four children to provide for. (Two of the children are handicapped.) She wants used clothing to make over for herself and girls 12 and 14.

Norma Jeanne Hutchings, 294 S. Bridge Ave., Red Bank, N. J., is 14 and has been handicapped since birth. For years she was helpless but now can walk about the house. She loves to get mail.

Mrs. Martha Jacobson, Chester, Iowa, is 80. She loves to get mail but is not able to answer.

Mrs. Olive Kendrick, 551 Pool Road, Biddeford, Maine, had polio and is not able to walk. Recently she fell from her wheel chair and broke her leg. There are five children. Send cheer cards, please.

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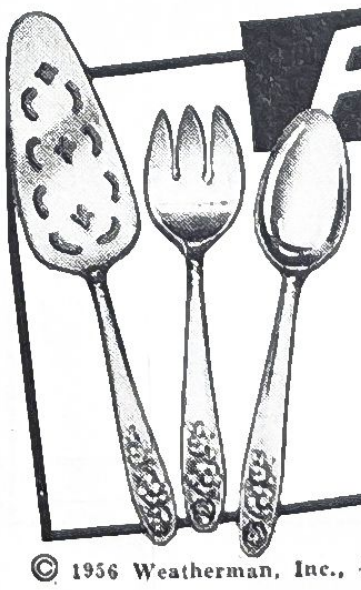

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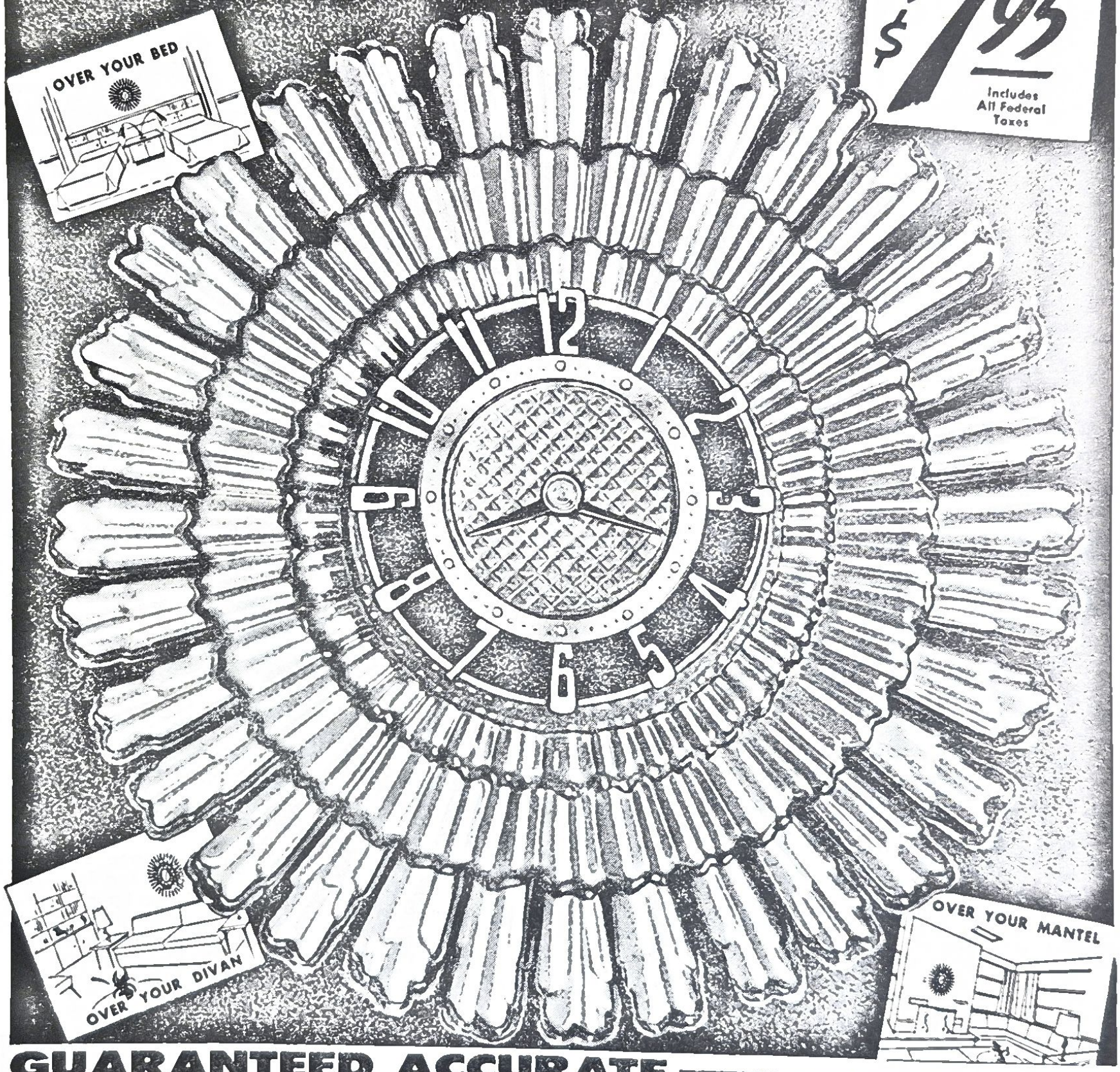

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